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SUBJ: POPPY PRODUCTION AND THE AID TO PAKISTAN MEETING

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1. ITALY MIGHT BE WILLING TO ADDRESS THE PAKISTAN OPIUM ISSUE IN ITS OPENING STATEMENT AT THE PARIS MEETING. AT LEAST TWO CONDITIONING FACTORS COME IMMEDIATELY TO MIND: WHAT OTHER EEC SPOKESMEN AT THE MEETING MIGHT BE WILLING TO SAY, AND THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE GOI PERCEIVES RECENT EVENTS IN AFGHANISTAN AS THREATENING TO PAKISTANI STABILITY AND CONSEQUENTLY REQUIRING A MORE BENEVOLENT ATTITUDE TOWARD THAT CONTRY. ON THE OTHER HAND HEROIN ABUSE SEEMS TO CONTINUE TO INCREASE IN ITALY AND THERE IS EVIDENCE OF THE EVOLUTION OF A PAKISTANI CONNECTION.

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2. ALL OF WHICH ADDS UP TO-WE WON'T KNOW WHETHER ITALY IS WILL UNTIL WE ASK. THE BEST APPROACH WE THINK IS THE DIRECT ONE. IF THE DEPARTMENTS CONCURS, WE WOULD PROPOSE DISCUSSING THE ISSUE WITH THE MFA, DRAWING UPON POINTS CONTAINED IN PARAS. 2-4 OF REFTEL AND ANY OTHER QUIDANCE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO PROVIDE.GARDNER UNQUOTE VANCE

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